

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Rep. Mike Honda (San Jose, CA) issued the following statement regarding the March 23, 2007 leak of results of the Defense Department investigation into the friendly fire combat death of San Jose native, Army Ranger Pat Tillman. The investigation's findings were slated for public release on March 26, 2007:

"I am dismayed that the family of Army Ranger Pat Tillman was not afforded the opportunity to review the results of the investigation into his death prior to their public release. The Tillmans have been subjected to great sorrow beginning with Pat's death, and over the course of a deeply flawed and possibly dishonest series of previous investigations. In light of what they have undergone, giving them a reasonable opportunity to review the findings is only fair and just.

"It is my sincere hope that the Department of Defense (DoD) reveals, at long last, the complete truth in this matter, and explains its successive failures to do so in the years following Pat's fratricide. I also expect DoD to detail measures it will implement to prevent such failures from impacting service member families in the future. Should this not be the result of the latest investigations, I will immediately call for Congressional hearings to bring justice to Pat's memory, closure for his family and to ensure service members' confidence in their commanding officers and civilian superiors."